



Florida House of Representatives

Rules & Calendar Committee

Dean Cannon
Speaker

Gary Aubuchon
Chair

March 22, 2011

The Honorable Dean Cannon
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Mr. Speaker,

The following report is submitted pursuant to Rule 12.2(d) for the purpose of establishing the procedures for committee and floor action on the general appropriations bill, and any related implementing and conforming legislation.

No later than 8 a.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011, the Appropriations Committee will provide to the Members and to the public the proposed General Appropriations bill, proposed implementing bill, and proposed conforming legislation to be considered at their meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 2011.

AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE:

Main amendments to the proposed General Appropriations bill, proposed implementing bill, and proposed conforming legislation must be filed no later than 12 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2011, in the manner described below. Packages of these filed amendments for the bills will be available from the Appropriations Committee no later than 4 p.m. on Monday afternoon, March 28, 2011. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published.

All amendments to amendments and substitute amendments for the proposed General Appropriations bill, proposed implementing bill, and proposed conforming legislation must be filed no later than 12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, in the manner described below.

Amendments for the Appropriations Committee meeting must be filed with the Committee, Room 221, The Capitol, on the attached form. Member requests for appropriations staff to draft amendments will be treated as timely filed if received before the relevant deadline.

The Appropriations Committee will meet at its noticed time on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, and will consider all timely filed amendments.

The Appropriations Committee will file and publish the General Appropriations bill, the implementing bill, and conforming legislation, as amended no later than 8 a.m. on Friday, April 1, 2011.

FLOOR AMENDMENTS:

All floor amendments to be considered on second reading of the General Appropriations bill, implementing bill, and conforming legislation must be filed in the manner described below.

Main amendments to the General Appropriations bill, the implementing bill, and conforming legislation must be filed by 12 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2011. Packages of amendments for the General Appropriations bill, implementing bill, and conforming legislation will be available from the Appropriations Committee no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published.

Amendments to main amendments or substitute amendments for main floor amendments must be requested in the same manner as main amendments by 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

Floor amendments to the General Appropriations bill will be filed with the Appropriations Committee, Room 221, The Capitol, on the attached General Appropriations Amendment Input Form. Member requests for appropriations staff to draft amendments will be deemed as timely filed if received before the relevant deadline.

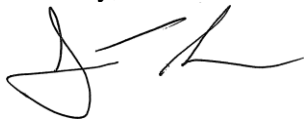
Floor amendments to the implementing bill and conforming legislation will be filed by Members with the House Bill Drafting office through their LEAGIS member dashboard. Amendments filed through the LEAGIS member desktop must be “approved for filing” by the relevant deadline.

Amendment deadlines for both Committee and floor amendments apply to all Members, including Members of the Appropriations Committee.

Amendments filed with the Appropriations Committee will be accepted only from the House Member who wishes to file the amendment or from an employee of the House. With the exception of amendments offered by the Chair of the Appropriations Committee, any such amendment request must be accompanied by the written authorization of the sponsoring Member on the Member’s letterhead.

Members are reminded that the provisions of Rule 12.5 apply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Aubuchon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary Aubuchon, Chair
Rules & Calendar Committee

Time Schedule for Special Rule – 2011

Procedure for Committee and Floor Action on the
General Appropriations Bill and Related Implementing and Conforming Bills

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| Friday, March 25, 2011, no later than 8 a.m. | The Appropriations Committee will publish the proposed General Appropriations bill and related implementing and conforming bills to be considered at its meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. |
| Monday, March 28, 2011, no later than 12 p.m. | All main amendments for the proposed General Appropriations bill and related implementing and conforming bills must be filed for the Appropriations Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. Amendments are to be filed with the Appropriations Committee. |
| Monday, March 28, 2011, no later than 4 p.m. | Packages of amendments will be available no later than 4 p.m. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published. |
| Tuesday, March 29, 2011, no later than 12 p.m. | All amendments to the amendments and substitute amendments must be filed with the Appropriations Committee. |
| Wednesday, March 30, 2011 | The Appropriations Committee will meet. |
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| Friday, April 1, 2011, no later than 8 a.m. | The General Appropriations bill, implementing bill, and conforming bills, as amended, will be published. |
| Monday, April 4, 2011, no later than 12 p.m. | All requests for main floor amendments for the General Appropriations bill must be submitted to the Appropriations Committee. All requests for main floor amendments for related implementing and conforming bills must be approved for filing in Leagis. |
| Monday, April 4, 2011, no later than 4 p.m. | Packages of amendments will be available no later than 4 p.m. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published. |
| Tuesday, April 5, 2011, no later than 12 p.m. | All requests for amendments to floor amendments and substitute amendments to floor amendments for the General Appropriations bill must be submitted to the Appropriations Committee. All requests for amendments to floor amendments and substitute amendments to floor amendments for related implementing and conforming bills must be approved for filing in Leagis. |
| Wednesday, April 6, 2011 | Second reading |
| Thursday, April 7, 2011 | Final passage of bills read a second time on April 6, 2011. |

1. Committee amendments will be filed with the Appropriations Committee.
2. Floor Amendment requests for the General Appropriations bill will be filed with the Appropriations Committee, Room 221, The Capitol, on the attached form.
3. Floor Amendment requests for conforming and implementing legislation will be filed in Leagis, and will be considered timely filed if “approved for filing” in Leagis by the deadline.
4. Member requests for appropriations staff to draft amendments which are received before the relevant deadline will be considered timely filed.
5. Amendment requests for the General Appropriations bill will be accepted only from the House Member who wishes to file the amendment or from an employee of the House.
6. Amendment requests for the General Appropriations bill must be delivered with a written authorization of the Member on the Member’s letterhead.